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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Special Committee Appointed.

Paris, January 21.
Reuter's correspondent states it is authoritatively learned that in order to assist the League of Nations Section, the British Cabinet at a very early stage appointed a committee representative of all the Dominions to consult with the Section. Several meetings of this Committee have been held. Among other things dealt with, full consideration was given to the part which the Dominions will play in the League of Nations. The Committee's conclusions will in due course be submitted to the British Cabinet and if approved will be submitted to the Allies Conference.

THE RUSSIAN PROBLEM.

London, January 21.
A Peace Conference communiqué states that as a result of the discussion on the Russian question, the Supreme Council has very greatly progressed towards an agreement and hopes to formulate a concrete proposal on the matter on January 22.

BRITISH DOMINIONS.

QUESTIONS OF INCLUSION IN THE LEAGUE.

Paris, January 21.
Momentous claims will be raised at the Peace Conference by the British self-governing Dominions in connection with the formation of a League of Nations. They will ask to be admitted to the League with the status of individual nations whose sovereignty as far as internal affairs are concerned shall be clearly recognised by the world, although the right of Britain to control their foreign relations is admitted. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa claim the right to enter the League on the same basis as Belgium and other smaller powers.

OUTLINE OF BRITISH PLAN.

London, January 21.
Lord Robert Cecil has completed the British plan for a League of Nations. It is also stated that Mr. Wilson's scheme is drawn up and all ready for the constitution of a grand committee on the subject at the next full meeting of the Peace Conference. It is reported both Mr. Wilson's and Lord Cecil's schemes closely follow the lines of General Smuts' proposals.
In an interview with the Associated Press, Lord Cecil declared that Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey cannot be admitted to the League at present but should be allowed to join as soon as the league is satisfied that they are entitled to rank among the trustworthy nations of the world.
One criterion of trustworthiness as regards Germany would lie in the establishment of a Government freed from military dominance. Moreover it was obvious that Germany could not be admitted until she brought order out of the present chaos, and the completion of a new Government was seen.

As regards Austria, trustworthy governments must be established in the new states now forming. There was no reason why they should not be admitted when they showed themselves fitted. It was impossible to make any predictions concerning Turkey. It must await the territorial settlement made by the Peace Conference.
There were very similar conditions with respect to Bulgaria. The league would want to know that she "abandoned the idea of being the Prussia of the Balkans" before admitting her.

THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

Rome, January 21.
The Government has appointed Senator Scholaja to represent Italy in the international committee for a League of Nations.

ATTITUDE OF RUSSIAN SOVIETS.

Paris, January 14.
Reuter's correspondent says that despite the official announcement that the Council of the Great Powers hopes to formulate concrete proposals on Russia to-morrow, delegates feel there is no certain remedy for the difficult and dangerous situation, and that it is desirable to embody several lines of action in the proposal.
The first result of this proposal will be that neither M. Sazonoff nor the Soviet agents will come to Paris, as exponents of Russian affairs, but an investigation will be held into internal conditions in Russia. This decision is chiefly due to the disinclination in certain quarters to have direct dealings with Bolsheviks. M. Scavennius strongly influenced the decision not to invite the Soviets. He had read an article written by the Soviet chief saying that President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George were too reactionary for Soviets to deal with. He also gave exact data of Bolshevik forces, showing that they did not exceed ninety-thousand armed men. The remainder are unarmed and unclothed.

DOMINION REPRESENTATION.

Paris, January 22.
Reuter's correspondent says regarding the Dominions status in the Council of the League of Nations, it should be understood that although they claim to be entitled to equal numerical consideration with the smaller European States they favour representation in the same form and manner obtaining at the Peace Conference. They will be content for the British Empire to speak and vote as one voice, and vote as a unit in the League. The present panel system regarding working is satisfactorily and confidently felt. The Dominion representatives would always propose a part or even whole if necessary of the Imperial Delegation at the League when questions closely affecting Overseas arise.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

London, January 21.
Reuter's correspondent learns with reference to the misunderstanding which seems to have arisen concerning Mr. Lloyd George's attitude with regard to Russia, cabled on January 13, it should have been pointed out that he did not suggest that M. Lenin and M. Trotsky should be invited to sit at the Peace Conference as representatives of Russia, but in order that the Associated Governments have the fullest and most reliable information concerning the position in Russia also that representatives of all sections of Russian public opinion go to Paris in order to express their views. It is emphasised that this is not at all the same thing as a proposal that they should be invited to the Peace Conference.

THE CZECHO-SLOVAK REPUBLIC.

BRITISH REPLY TO GERMAN PROTEST.

Amsterdam, January 21.
Replying to the German and Austrian governments' protest against the occupation of territory by neighbouring states, the British government is of the opinion that the Peace Conference must finally settle the delimitation, but until then the frontiers of the Czecho-Slovak Republic must coincide with its historical frontiers, namely, Bohemia, Moravia and Austrian Silesia.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

NEW GERMAN CONSTITUTION.

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGES.

Equal Rights for All.

Basle, January 21.
The following are the chief points of the draft of the new German constitution which was officially issued from Berlin. The Empire comprises the present states and those seeking admission on a basis of self determination. Foreign affairs, commerce, banks and exchanges, labour and land legislation, and aviation are among Imperial matters. All Germans will have the same rights before the law. All privileges and advantages of birth and social condition or creed are abolished.

The clause regarding religious freedom stipulates that none may be compelled to make known his or her religious convictions. The recent distribution of landed property shall be modified by a wide process of home colonisation. No details are given.

No legislation is permitted against foreign languages spoken within the Empire. The Reichstag shall be composed of two chambers, namely, the People's and the States.

In principle there shall be one deputy for every million inhabitants. None may be a member of both chambers simultaneously. The legislative mandate for both chambers be a triennium.

The President of the Empire shall be elected by the whole German people for a term of seven years, and shall be eligible for re-election. He shall represent the Empire internationally, appoint diplomats, and have power to declare war in accordance with the law of the Empire.

The Reichstag must approve of foreign treaties. The Government of the Empire shall be composed of a Chancellor and Ministers, all of which shall be appointed by the President. The Chancellor and Ministers should retire if the Chamber definitely voted no confidence in them.

LISBON JOINS MONARCHICAL MOVEMENT.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM OF POPULATION.

Madrid, January 21.
It is officially reported that the Monarchical movement, headed by Senhor Couceiro, has triumphed in North Portugal. Senhor Couceiro has formed a Government at Oporto.

It is reported that Lisbon has also joined the movement and Manuel has been proclaimed King there. Senhor Vigor Couceiro has proclaimed Manuel King at Oporto, amidst the enthusiasm of the troops and the population.

The town of Valencia has refused to adhere to the Monarchical movement. Senhor Couceiro has sent troops there to crush opposition. Many motor cars, containing Republican refugees, have arrived at Valencia from Spain in order to cross the frontier but have been prevented.

MANUEL OPPOSED TO ATTEMPTS TO RESTORE MONARCHY.

Later.
It is officially reported from Lisbon that the Monarchist movement has been confined to Oporto, Braga and Vizeu, where Senhor Couceiro has proclaimed Manuel King, despite the opposition of the leader of the Monarchist party who showed the President a telegram from Manuel declaring that he was opposed to attempts to restore the Monarchy.

It is unofficially reported that martial law has been proclaimed throughout Portugal. Warships have been sent to Oporto.

BRITISH IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

POLICING AND SANITATION TAKEN OVER.

Paris, January 21.
The Temps considers that Constantinople Straits must become international territory. The paper attaches great significance to the fact that the British General commanding the Allies has taken over the policing and sanitation of Constantinople, owing to disorder. The Temps submits that Constantinople must not be allowed to revert to its former state.

BOLSHEVIST PLANS.

BIG PROPAGANDA THROUGHOUT ASIA.

London, January 21.
Reuter learns that the latest reliable news from Moscow shows that the Bolsheviks have for months been organising an elaborate propaganda for revolutions in China, India and Persia and as soon as opportunity offers are prepared to send agents, backed by large sums of money, to stir up trouble throughout Asia.
The great obstacle to this scheme is the Omsk army, but should the latter become weakened by lack of support the Bolshevik plans would seriously threaten the peace of Asia. Bolshevism is spreading in the Ukraine.

BIG BOLSHEVIST DEFEAT.

TROTSKY'S FORCES ROUTED.

Stockholm, January 21.
An Estonian communiqué states:—We and a Finnish battalion captured the town of Narva, and also large booty, guns, divisional regimental staffs, and a great number of prisoners. Trotsky personally urged the enemy to resist. He subsequently fled.

ALLIED RELIEF COMMISSIONS.

FOODSTUFFS FOR POLAND, AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA.

London, January 21.
A Press Bureau message from Paris states that the Supreme Council has approved the appointment of inter-allied relief commissions at Trieste for the countries accessible from the Adriatic, also in Bucharest, Constantinople and Poland.
The Council requested Marshal Foch to take steps under the Armistice to secure the transport, through Danzig, of foodstuffs for Poland. Measures are also being taken to provision Poland and to secure that Germany's war obligations to feed the Russian people are fulfilled.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

"AN IRISH REPUBLIC."

Opening of Sinn Fein Assembly.

London, January 21.
The Sinn Fein Constituent Assembly opened at the Mansion House, Dublin, this afternoon. The members were loudly cheered by the public. A feature of the proceedings was the reading of the declaration of national independence, notifying the establishment of the Irish Republic, demanding the evacuation of Ireland by the English garrison, and the revocation of orders prohibiting public meetings in Ireland.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

SINN FEIN DELEGATES TO PEACE CONFERENCE.
The Sinn Fein Constituent Assembly assembled at Dublin Mansion House yesterday afternoon. The adjacent thoroughfares were decorated with Allied flags. Twenty-nine members were present and the galleries were crowded with spectators.

Count Plunkett and Professor Mac Neill opened proceedings by heading the procession of members up the floor.

Then Cathal Brugha was elected Speaker and Father O'Flanagan read prayers. The roll was called standing, orders adopted, and the declaration of independence read. The proceedings were conducted in Gaelic. Count Plunkett read an appeal to the nations asking recognition of Ireland's national status and right to vindication at the Peace Conference. Count Plunkett, De Valera and Arthur Griffith were appointed delegates to the Peace Conference.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

MAJORITY FOR SOCIALISTS.

Amsterdam, January 21.
An official Berlin message states that the election results in Berlin show the Proper Majority Socialists have five seats including Scheidemann, Independent Socialists four, including Eichhorn, and Haase, Democrats two, including Naumann, German National People's Party one, Lavrenz, German People's party one, Kahl, Christian People's Party one, Pfeiffer. Over a million votes were cast.

SOCIALIST MAJORITY AT MUNICH.

The elections at Munich resulted in the Majority Socialists 100,000, Peoples Party 85,000, Democrats 65,000, Independents 37,000, National Liberals 9,000.
In Baden, the Centrists had 390,000, the Majority Socialists 340,000, Democrats 250,000, German Nationals 80,000, Independents 40,000.

THE POLLING.

It is estimated that the Majority Socialists polled 40 per cent. of the entire vote in Germany. The Democrats come next. The National Liberals lost more than the Conservatives. The Centrists lost more than they gained. The democrats may be in position to form a majority by throwing their weight right or left.

ALLIED SATISFACTION.

PROSPECT OF FIRM CONSTITUTION.

Paris, January 21.
The early German election results are interpreted here as signifying a prospect of the early establishment of a fairly stable German administration of Majority Socialists. The Democrats apparently have a big majority in the constituent over the Independents.

Herren Ebert and Scheidemann, and von Payer have already demonstrated their ability to work together, and can count on the support of the clerical leader Fehrenbach in efforts to institute the Government with wide a basis of popular support. All the Allied circles here regard this consummation as an indispensable preliminary to any peace negotiations.

FUNERAL OF PRINCE JOHN.

SIMPLE CEREMONY AT SANDRINGHAM.

London, January 21.
The funeral of Prince John took place at Sandringham to-day. The remains lay, since last night, in front of the altar in Sandringham church. Those present at to-day's ceremony were their Majesties, Prince George, Prince Henry, Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria, Queen Maud of Norway and the Crown Prince Olaf.
The congregation in the church included the respective royal households. The service was exceedingly simple. The coffin was carried to the neighbouring churchyard, where the remains were buried in close proximity to those of the son of King Edward and Queen Alexandra who died in infancy. After the coffin was lowered the King and Queen stepped to the graveside and dropped flowers into the grave.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL SUPREMACY.

SPEECH BY EX-PRESIDENT TAFT.

London, January 21.
Ex-president Taft in a speech at the Toronto Club said that Britain's supremacy on the sea in peacetime always meant the equality of all nations, and in wartime Britain must maintain her fleet to resist unjust aggression. It she did not she would starve in a week.

NEW PRESIDENT OF ROYAL ACADEMY.

London, January 22.
Sir Aston Webb has been elected President of the Royal Academy in place of Sir E. J. Foynter who has resigned.

BRITISH WARSHIPS TRANSPORT FINNS.

London, January 21.
An official Finnish telegram mentions that Finnish volunteers have been transported from Helsinki to Reval in British warships.

THE GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

Copenhagen, January 21.
The Lokalanbeger reports that the Prussian Ministry has agreed to state the Government's proposal to hold the National Assembly in the non-Prussian town of Weimar.

GENERAL STRIKE IN DENMARK.

Amsterdam, January 21.
A message from Copenhagen states that a general strike has been declared in Denmark.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph")

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Jan. 21.
The silver market is quiet.

YESTERDAY'S DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

ONE MAN CHARGED.

One of the men, who was concerned with the daring daylight robbery at 10.30 or 11 o'clock yesterday morning on Oakland Path, was brought up this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood and charged.

Inspector Macdonald, in opening the case, gave a full account of the incidents leading up to the arrest. At about 10.30 yesterday while a cloth hawker and his aunt (also a hawker) were walking along Lyttleton Road, West Point, near the Hon. Mr. Lau Chin Pak's house, when about a hundred yards from the junction of Lyttleton Road and Oakland Path, three men came up from behind. One man demanded to see the licences of the hawkers. The licences were produced, but this time one of the robbers enquired how much money the hawkers had on their persons. They said they had nothing, whereupon one of the robbers seized the male hawker from behind by the throat, while another (the man who was produced in Court this morning) rubbed yyy yau, a Chinese irritant medicine on the eye of the man, while a third pointed a revolver and eventually ransacked the hawker's pockets, securing two notes of \$10 and \$5. The woman's throat was seized by another desperado. The robber kicked the male hawker down on the ground and eventually ran away. The defendant and the other robber, who is at present in hospital, ran down Oakland Path.

The hawker's aunt raised an alarm, while the hawker blew his whistle. This was heard by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chin Pak's watchman and motor driver. These servants went out to the gate and saw the defendant and the man who is at present in hospital running, being chased by the male hawker. The watchman and driver followed the pursuit, and the former arrested the man who was brought up this morning. The driver ran after the other robber, who went into a house that was under construction, the back part of which was level with the road. The robber from there climbed through the bamboo scaffolding to the roof of 60, Bonham Road. He entered Dr. Ho Ng's house and hid himself beneath a couch, but his place of concealment was revealed to the pursuing police. There was a severe struggle. This man is supposed to have stabbed himself. There were six shots fired by Indian constable B. 20. There was a bullet wound on his arm. The man is still in a precarious condition in hospital.

A week's remand was granted.

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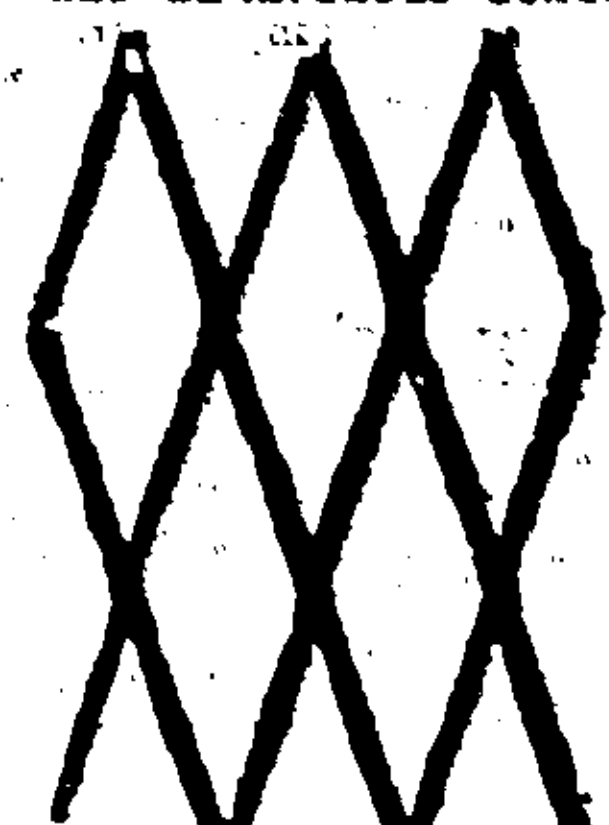
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THE GERMAN REPUBLIC.

WILL IT TURN BOLSHEVIST?

Camille Huysmans writes as follows:—My reply is "No"—on one condition: that the Entente countries do not make matters favourable for chaos. The Versailles Conference was agreed as to the policy of providing for German needs, and the military elements showed themselves not the least moderate. This may make for the best, and as no return to power of the old forces of reaction is possible in Germany the military safeguards imposed by the Allies may be suffered now without danger to public order.

There are other reasons for the probability of order being maintained. First, industrial Germany is not agricultural Russia, and, secondly, the German labour class know the difference between liberty and licence. German Socialism is not led by former exiles or political refugees; the men who are in power have the sense of responsibility. The German Socialists are permeated with Marxism in the real sense of the word. They believe in democracy. I do not expect they will imitate the Bolsheviks, who spoke as Socialists and acted as Anarchists.

Ebert and Haase speak together, in fact, for 99 out of 100 of the German Labour movement. Franz Mehring, the old literary negative critic of all possible systems, may hope to speak and write in the name of one man in a hundred, but he is not sure that even the one man will follow him. It is not easy to transplant the Asiatic ideas of Lenin in a modern country. The tyranny of Lenin is possible in a part of Russia, because Nicholas II. ruled in the same manner before him. The one repeats the other, with the difference that the Emperor persecuted Labour while the Soviet dictator oppresses other classes, including all those who do not believe in him.

Here is a point which exemplifies the difference between the spirit animating the Bolsheviks of Central Russia and the Socialists of Central Europe. One of the first utterances of the new German Government was an appeal for the continuation of work on the land and in factories. Here is another point. The German Socialists put an end to the quarrel between Majority and Minority. This was due to the influence of the rank and file. And this intervention was not for the first time. A few months ago in Berlin the working class organised a political strike and summoned both factions to control the movement, and Scheidemann and Haase were obliged to meet and to act together.

I always had the impression that the bitter party controversies in Germany were carried on almost entirely by the leaders (and Germany is not the only country where that statement would apply). In reality the opposition was not so much between Majority and Minority as between the right wing of the Majority and the left wing of the Minority. There was a centre composed of the bulk of both Majority and Minority. The strong lines of

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STRAITS WAR LOAN.

A CONVERSION SCHEME.

The Singapore Free Press is authorised by the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Straits Settlements, to state that a scheme is in contemplation for the conversion of the six per cent. War Loan, which matures on the 15th November, 1919. It was stated by the Acting Treasurer in the Legislative Council, at the meeting held on 27th May, 1918, that the terms that would be offered would not be less favourable than those offered by the 5 1/2% Loan which is to be closed on the 18th January. Holders of bonds in the Straits Settlements 6% Loan are not therefore affected by the closing of the 5 1/2% Loan.

THE AIR IN THEATRES.

The Local Government Board has issued regulations requiring that in theatres, music halls, cinemas, and other places of amusement the entertainment shall not be carried on for more than three consecutive hours, and that there shall be an interval of at least 30 minutes between two successive entertainments, during which the building shall be thoroughly ventilated. The purpose of the regulation is, of course, to prevent the spread of influenza.

opposition lay at the right of Ebert and at the left of Haase. The differences between Ebert and Haase were only of a transitory character. The first believed that the German generals would remain strong, and the other saw no other issue from the war than a complete destruction of military autocracy. But their views otherwise were the same.

One of the Majority said to me at Stockholm: "The difference between Haase and me is that I remain in touch with power and he thinks it is better to oppose power. He hopes for an open light. I look to events to crush reaction, and, as I shall be nearer at the proper moment, I shall succeed and he will not. You will see." This conversation explains the whole policy of the Majority Socialists.

The real community of ideas between these men appears more clearly if you consider their opinions on Bolshevism. The Majority has always repudiated Lenin, and the Haase group has recently published in Vienna a pamphlet by Karl Kautsky declaring that Bolshevism degenerated into banditism. Lenin has replied to this leaflet in his accustomed violent manner. He accuses Kautsky of having betrayed the fundamental conception of Marx. He calls him a mere vulgar opportunist, a contemptible servant of middle-class reaction, a "sophist," a "deceiver," a "renegade," and the president of the Bolshevik Soviets had the hardihood to declare that his Bolshevik State has as an aim to oppress the middle class, and that a condition of liberty for labour is the occupation of the palaces of the rich and the confiscation of all property belonging to the other parties. Such anti-Socialistic conceptions belong to a world which will never take shape in Western Europe.

GENERAL NEWS.

COFFINS IN A FISH CART.

The burial scandal in South London was mentioned at the meeting of the Southwark Guardians recently, when Mr. E. Haines stated that there were recently 38 bodies at the Newington institution awaiting removal. There being no undertakers available, the coffins had to be taken to the relatives' homes in a fish-cart. Some babies were left unburied for a fortnight. It was resolved to ask for the immediate release of coffin makers and undertakers for home service.

TOOK SOLDIER'S PLACE.

A remarkable story was told at Southampton Police Court recently when Albert Edward Saccombe, a 17 year old motor driver pleaded guilty to wearing military uniform without authority. The police said that the prisoner's sister got married while her sweetheart was home on leave. The bride was then taken ill, and the husband being loath to leave her Saccombe volunteered to take his place. He donned his uniform and proceeded to France, the deception not being discovered until he was court-martialled for overstaying leave. He was fined £5 or 14 days.

SHIP FIRE MYSTERY.

It is now possible to give an account of a salvage operation which has been successfully carried out at a Southern port. The steamer Onward, which mysteriously caught fire, was towed into the harbour, where she sank in shallow water. Alongside the quay is a railway track, and strong wire ropes were fastened round the derelict hulk and worked through tripods fixed on the quay. These ropes were attached to five locomotives, which put on full steam, and after a tremendous struggle the vessel was slowly dragged into an upright position. She is now in the Thames for repairs. The origin of the fire is still undiscovered. The fierceness of the outbreak has led to the belief that thermal bombs had been thrown into the fore part of the ship, and foul play is suspected.

TELL-TALE BLOTTERING PAD.

An impression of his wife's writing on a blotting pad arranging to meet someone at Hornchurch led to Corporal Ninian Morton, of the R.E., obtaining a divorce recently. Mrs. Morton was said to be now living at a flat in Brighton with Dr. Ernest Errary Isaac. Neither appeared, and the jury awarded £1,000 damages against Dr. Isaac. Married in 1909, petitioner lived an unclouded married life until 1915, said Sir Ellis Hume Williams, K.C. At that time Dr. Isaac was attached to Colney Hatch Asylum, and he formed a close friendship with Mrs. Morton. They promised not to see each other again, but then the husband discovered the impression of his wife's writing on blotting paper, and she admitted that they had not kept the promise. Next morning Mrs. Morton left home, and Mr. Morton had not seen her since.

RESTORING VERDUN.

To the War Victims' Relief Committee of the Society of Friends has been assigned by the French Government the great work of restoring some forty small towns and villages in the Verdun area. "The first thing we are going to do," a member of the Committee said "is to collect as many as possible of the 600 temporary wooden houses which we have built in the devastated regions and use them for setting up the peasants and their families for the time being. Then we hope to build from the fragments of the battle ruins houses of concrete, in such a way that they can be transformed in a year or two, when permanent dwellings can be put up, into stables or barns. We hope to plan out new villages on Garden City lines. Simultaneously we are introducing modern machinery for agriculture and getting the ground ready for spring sowing."

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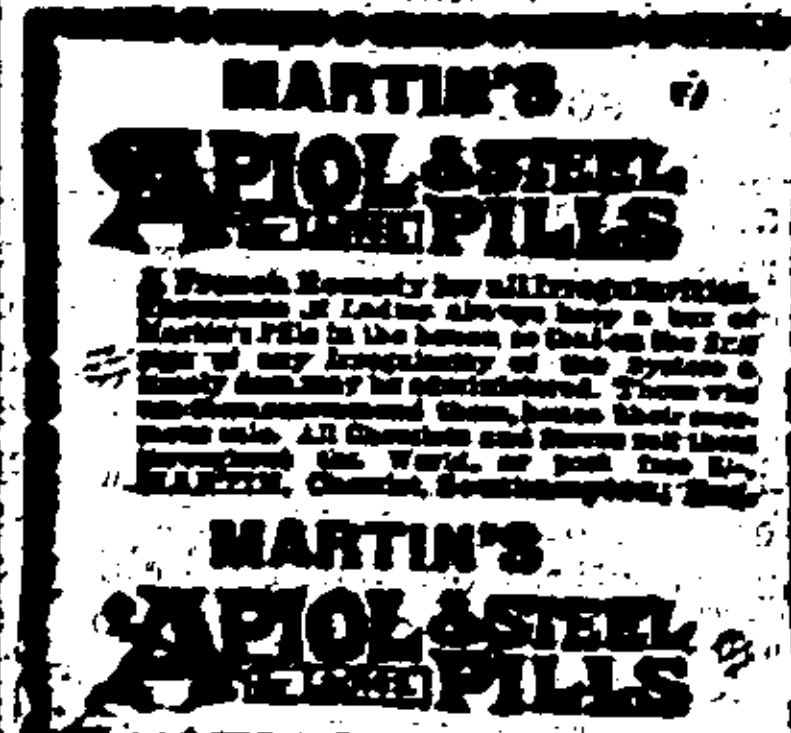
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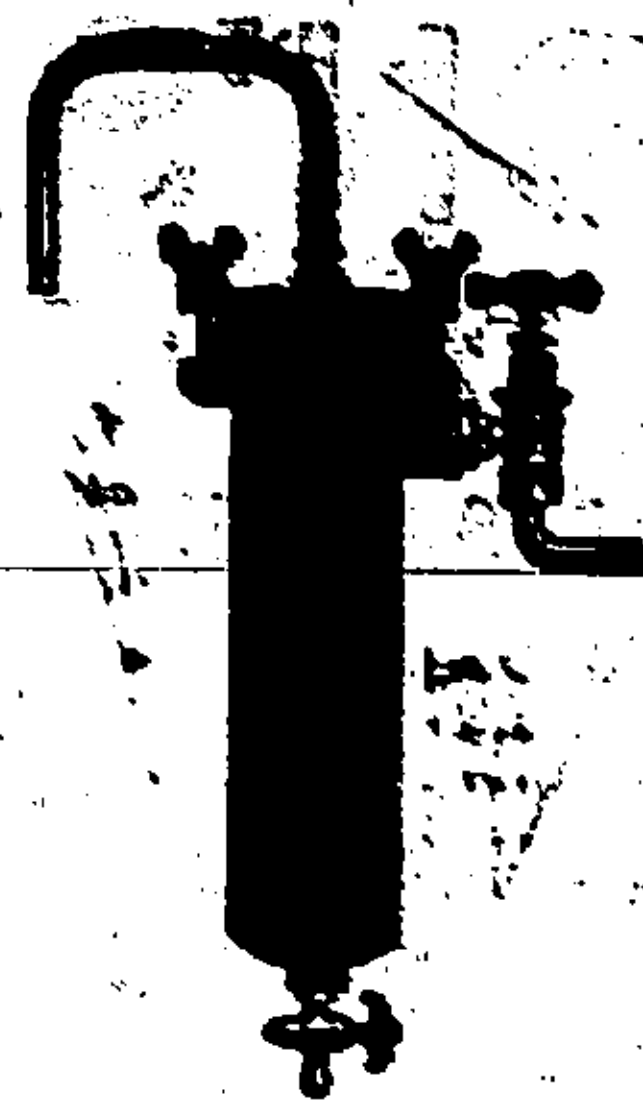
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JAPAN AND CHINA.

In recent years Japan has been credited with motives scarcely of the altruistic order in her attitude towards China. That fact invests with special interest the declaration of policy just made by Viscount Uchida, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the speech of which we gave the text yesterday. The speech breathed the most pacific and lofty ideals, both in regard to China and Russia as well. No-one could wish for a more friendly attitude than that reflected in the utterance so far as China is concerned, and through it there runs the thought that in all her recent dealings with the Chinese Japan has acted in full concert with those other Powers which have special interests in this great country. Were one to take some of Japan's past acts regarding China and compare them with the ideals outlined in this speech, the thought would naturally obtrude itself that a change in attitude has been resolved upon. The future will tell whether that is the real interpretation to be placed upon the declaration.

There will be general agreement with Viscount Uchida when he says that the protracted civil strife in China has proved as disastrous to the Chinese as it has been harmful to the interests of foreign Powers. No-one who has become aware of the fearful muddle in which China now is will dispute that point for a moment, and the responsible leaders of the country must feel themselves fortunate that big interests which have been adversely affected have not made greater and harsher use of their powers. In the matter of financial assistance, Japan has now decided that she will not officially help China, and she bases that decision on the fear of creating political complications by holding out the hand to either one section, or the other. But there is somewhat of a reservation in this regard, for Viscount Uchida says the Government cannot undertake to discourage any financial or economic enterprises of its nationals "so long as they are the natural and legitimate outgrowth of special relations between the two neighbouring and friendly nations." This is a trifle ambiguous, and the world would like to feel assured that in this regard there will be no infringement, either in letter or spirit, of the principle of the Open Door, to which the Japanese Government is now committed.

The Japanese Foreign Minister plainly declares that Japan has no territorial ambitions in China, that she pledges herself to respect the independence and integrity of the country, and that she will abide faithfully to the principle of equal opportunity for all nations. Moreover, we have a definite promise that Kiauchau shall be restored to China, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty under which it was occupied. "At the same time," says Viscount Uchida, "We have to rely in a large measure upon the rich natural resources of China in order to assure our own economic existence, and I have no doubt that both the Government and the people of China would not deny us needed co-operation in this respect." What precisely underlies these words it would be difficult to say, but they appear, when read in cold print, to be something in the nature of a proviso. The natural resources of China are needed not alone by that country, or exclusively by Japan; either they should be placed at the disposal of the world on terms fair to all concerned, or to be held under the earth as China has done for so long is to hold back progress and interfere with the happiness of humanity. But there must be square deals in matters of this kind, and Japan need have no fear that her necessities will be overlooked if she is prepared to act straight and seek no special opportunities or claim any undue rights. If Viscount Uchida's speech is a true reflection of Japan's attitude, then the future should be bright in the Orient, for it cannot be overlooked that some of her demands in the past have been in direct conflict with the principles now enunciated.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE GOVERNOR'S RETIREMENT.

The news of the resignation of Sir Henry May, while it will occasion considerable regret, is not altogether unexpected. He had held the Governorship for well over six years, which is rather longer than the customary term of office, and had it not been for the war we have no doubt that there would have been a change ere this. With the exception of his brief period of rule in Fiji, Sir Henry had spent all his Colonial career in Hongkong, and the break of over thirty years' ties with the Colony will no doubt be keenly felt by him, as it will by many others who have been brought into close contact with him. Over such a lengthy space of time it was inevitable that any man should make, if not enemies, detractors as well as friends. Sir Henry was no exception to the rule. But beneath a certain abruptness of manner, he had a warm and kindly nature, whilst above all his intentions were ever of the best; of that we have no doubt. All will agree, on looking back over the term of his administration, that he carried out his manifold duties with great conscientiousness, combined with distinct ability; he was a worker who mapped out his course and stuck to it though thick and thin. His long experience of the affairs of the Colony was naturally a big asset to him in his Governorship, and Hongkong no doubt greatly profited therefrom. We all remember his keen enthusiasm regarding the Volunteers, especially the Volunteer Reserve, for which he did everything in his power. Concerning the application of Conscription to Hongkong, we know that he was not heart and soul in favour of it, but when this controversy was at its height he showed much consideration for the standpoint of those with whom he was not in agreement. On the whole it can be said that he served the Empire loyally and acted fearlessly when he had made up his mind on a given question. He will be missed socially, and nowhere more so than in racing circles (for he was ever a keen lover of the Turf). The Colony will, too, lose a charming lady, with a heart of gold, in Lady May, who was intensely beloved by all who knew her. To both Sir Henry and Lady May we wish very many years of happiness and contentment in the days that lie ahead.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

It is interesting to read the statement of the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding Russia, and the campaign in Siberia. Japan recognises the fact that Bolshevism does not typify the true Russian spirit, and sympathises with the distressed country. The attitude of Viscount Uchida in the matter is exactly the same as that held by the rest of the Allies. If law and order had been maintained in Russia, there would have been no need to send any force to Siberia, but in the face of what has happened, interference was absolutely imperative. Not only was it impossible for the Allies to stand by and look on while a great country was threatened by complete destruction, but it was vital necessary for them to take steps to ensure their own safety, and safeguard their interest. There was never any question of profiting by the internal troubles in Russia, but Bolshevism constituted an evergrowing menace to the war aims of the Allies. It was for this reason that British, French, American and Japanese forces were sent to Siberia, and the results have proved the wisdom of the step. The Czechoslovaks have been saved to lay the foundation of an independent state, and the growth of Bolshevism checked in Siberia. But the work of the Allies is not finished, for anarchy and terrorism are still rampant in Russia, and it is our duty to lend a helping hand. We cannot withdraw our forces until the germ of Bolshevism is utterly destroyed, and Russia has once more found her real self. Like Japan, the rest of the Allies are out to help the Russians, and not to profit from their misfortune.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB v. CIVIL SERVICE.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Saturday January 25 at 2.15 p.m.
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DAY BY DAY.

THE WORLD IN ALL AGES HAS WORSHIPPED ITS HEROES, BUT THE STANDARD OF HEROISM HAS ALWAYS BEEN IMPROVING.

To-morrow is the 5th anniversary of the Dogger Bank fight.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 3-16d.

There were no cases of communicable diseases notified yesterday.

Mr. G.P. de Martin M.A. will deliver a Lecture on "Charles James Fox," at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 5.30 p.m.

The Eastern Extension Australia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd., inform us that communication with America via the Commercial Pacific Cable has been restored.

In connection with the Red Cross flower stall at the Hongkong Hotel the receipts acknowledged to the 13th inst. were \$894.49. Further receipts to the 21st inst. total \$191.20, making a total to date of \$1,085.69.

The next general meeting of the Hongkong University Medical Society will be held to-morrow, Friday, in the School of Anatomy at 5 p.m. under the presidency of Dr. W. V. M. Koch, at which Mr. Ho Kwong will distribute the prizes so generously donated by him and after which a paper on "The Ideal University Hospital" will be read by Mr. F. H. Wong. The paper will be open for discussion.

Among the passengers by the a.s. Siberia Maru who arrived in the Colony to-day were Mr. and Mrs. C. Montague Ede, Mr. G. W. Barton (of Messrs. Douglas Laiprak and Co.), Mrs. A. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bryan, Mr. J. Duncan of the P.W.D., and Mrs. J. Duncan. Some of these passengers, owing to shipping difficulties, had travelled on as many as three steamers from America.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po Service.)
Peking, January 22.

China still expects three seats at the European conference. A mandate this morning appoints Luk Ching Cheong, Koo Wai Kwan, Wong Ching Ting, Sze Shiu Kee and Ngai Son Choo as peace high commissioners. Luk being chief, attends all meetings, the others by rotation.

A million dollars for Canton conservancy was remitted by Tam Hok Hang last week end.

According to a telegram from Paris, the Peace Conference held a formal meeting on the 18th at which Luk Ching Cheong and Wong Ching Ting were invited to attend. Luk is trying to get five delegates for China.

OPIMUM SCANDAL.

A sensational opium scandal says the Canton Times has been discovered in Peking. The culprit who has been buying, transporting and selling opium is a highly influential official. Utmost secrecy however, is maintained by the Metropolitan Police since the discovery. It is said that the matter may be hushed up if the smuggler agrees to the payment of a fine of \$100,000. Details are not available but the affair is attracting the serious attention of foreigners.

CANTON TO PROTECT STEAMERS.

As in the case of the Chinese-owned steamers, the Hongkong, Canton and Macao S.S. Co.'s a.s. "Sainam" and "Nanning," both on the Canton-Wuchow run, have repeatedly received letters from bandit chiefs demanding the payment of blackmail with the threat of holding them up. The Tachun has now ordered the River-Dance Department to despatch necessary gunboats to escort these vessels on their regular runs.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

BY "ENHARMONIC."

Madame Yvette Guilbert, the famous interpreter of French songs, has written a book on her art in which she compares different technical methods—that necessary for an opera singer and that required for the singer of songs. She tells just how to express the tragic and the comic spirit to attain colour, rhythm and the entire gamut of equipment for her art. The book is entitled "How to Sing a Song" and should prove invaluable to aspiring vocalists.

I was very much taken with the singing of Miss Madge Griffith of the Vanity Fair Company, on Thursday evening last, when she gave a really fine rendering of that remarkable composition of Chaminade's "The Silver Ring." It is a song that requires gifts considerably above the average in contraltos and Miss Griffith brought out the beauties of the work in a manner seldom heard. "The Silver Ring" is so rarely attempted by any except first-rate singers that it is not so well known as it should be. It was a favourite song of Madame Alice Gomez, the famous Indian Eurasian contralto.

M. Sklareraki (piano) and M. Sykora (cello) who have been delighting Shanghai audiences recently, are to open a season in Hongkong, next week. Both artists have a very fine reputation and they may be sure of a warm welcome. I notice a northern contemporary compares M. Sklareraki with both Paderewski and De Pachmann. From what I remember of the latter's playing, I should imagine that a pianist who combines the talents of these two men of genius would be something of a phenomenon.

One of the many crafts in which British firms were pre-eminent before the war was that of organ building, but owing mainly to so many of the skilled workmen engaged in this trade being taken for Government service, principally for aeroplane manufacture, the trade was almost threatened with extinction. I am glad, therefore, to note that now peace has come, there are already signs of renaissance. In this connection I learn that the firm of Blackett and Howden,

of Newcastle-on-Tyne, have recently received a contract to build an organ for St. Mary's Catholic Church, Canton, Cardiff. The instrument will contain 31 stops including coplars, of which "Swell" contains nine, "Great" ten and "Dedal six." The tubular pneumatic system will be fitted throughout and the wind will be supplied by electric motor.

The firm of Blackett and Howden is now well known in Hongkong, Mr. Blackett, a partner of the firm, having superintended the building of the new organ at Union Church and also the rebuilding of the Cathedral organ. The fine work of this well known firm is exemplified in the Union Church organ, the most prominent features of which are the beautiful balance of the instrument and its fine toned solo stops.

When I sat and listened to Paderewski playing his piano on the arrangement of the music of his opera "Manru," in the concert room of the Crystal Palace, on a February afternoon, about eighteen years ago, if anybody had said at that time that I was listening to the future Prime Minister of Poland, I, and no doubt everybody else, would have laughed the suggestion to scorn. That politics would be the means of bringing this remarkable man into even greater prominence in the world's affairs than his playing nobody every dreamed of. Yet to-day that is an accomplished fact and Paderewski takes a place in history as, practically, the saviour of his country.

Paderewski's past career is pretty much the same as many other virtuosi and is briefly as follows: Ignace Jan Paderewski was born in Podolia, a province of Russian Poland, on November 6, 1860, and is therefore little

THE MIN RIVER.

IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

We learn that the Peking Government has at last approved of the scheme formulated by Mr. von Heidenstam for the improvement of the Min River Navigation from Nantai to Pagoda, to enable heavier draught vessels to navigate the River.

Briefly the scheme is as follows:—The work would be carried out without the aid of dredging, merely by a system of "cribs" and training works so as to define a regular easy-curving channel, between duly established normal lines of, as much as possible, uniform depth, without bars or crossings. The improvement thus obtained would be practically final, i.e. the question of maintenance would be a matter of minor importance as compared with the work itself and would consist mostly of attention to additional depths and wharfage space in the harbour, etc., which do not naturally fall within the hydraulic regime of the improvement. It is held that the scheme would bring Foochow into a prominent port, with a harbour admitting of easy navigation to coasting steamers of lighter draught, at most states of the tide, except at the hours of lower water, and access, at high water, to deeper draught coasting steamers up to 19 feet, i.e. such as have never yet been able to ascend to a port like Tientsin.

The estimated cost of the work is put at \$900,000, spread over three years, and taxation is suggested as the means for raising this sum in addition to a grant from the Chinese Government, which however it is understood has not been included in the official approval of the scheme, at any rate, up to the present, and there is some doubt as to whether such a grant would be made at any time. There is no doubt that the present situation on the Min River is, to say the least, very adverse to navigation but according to outside technical authority there are difficulties and objections in the way.

One of the chief objections is the question of finance. In addition, there is the fact that owing to the cutting of timber up country, a quantity of siltage is constantly coming down the river and thus blocking the channel. The scheme would also necessitate the building of docks at Foochow and there would be no room for sea-going vessels to "lie afloat" owing to the River being overcrowded with junks, launches and other small craft. As to whether the scheme will eventually be carried out is therefore an open question.

over 58 years of age. He showed musical talent as early as three years of age and his first teacher, at the age of six, was Pierre Lowinski. He went to Warsaw in 1872 where he studied under Roguski and continued his studies later in Berlin. He became a teacher of music at the age of eighteen and in 1884 he started upon his career as a virtuoso and for this purpose, studied under one of his fellow countrymen, in Vienna—Theodor Leschetizky, and after three years hard work made his debut when his success was assured. His career from that time is too well known to need repetition. He has several times been decorated by heads of European States, amongst which he received the Legion of Honour. His compositions include three sets of songs, comprising twelve in all, a Concerto in A Major, an opera "Manru" and many other shorter works. Perhaps his most popular piano-forte composition is the Minnet which is very much favoured by amateurs and professionals alike.

Paderewski first became prominent in the political arena in 1915 when Poland was in the throes of dismemberment by the Germans, and when he made a pathetic appeal in behalf of his native land. Whether he will continue to guide Poland's ship of state when things have resumed a normal tone in that long suffering land, is difficult to say, but if one might judge from the man's demeanour, on the concert platform, I have seen him so many times, as to enable me to form a certain degree of an idea of his (musical) temperament. I should imagine, when his work is finished, he would hand over the reins of government to another and retire again into the privacy of his private life, he was leading prior to the war.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The action of the Allies in undertaking to feed Germany may be compared with the cynical calculations of Bismarck in regard to the besieged Parisians in 1871. "If the Parisians," he argued, "first received a supply of provisions and were then again put on half-rations, and once more obliged to starve, that ought, I think, to work. It is like flogging. When it is administered continuously it is not felt so much. But when it is suspended for a time and then another dose inflicted, it hurts."

If the armistice ends the war it will have been the most terrible but also one of the briefest of the great conflicts of history. The war of American Independence lasted eight years, the wars against the French revolutionists and Napoleon occupied us, with one brief interval, for 22 years, the Elizabethan war with Spain lasted 16 years, and from 1539 till 1471 Englishmen knew only nine years of peace. Yet the total casualties of any of these long conflicts have probably been exceeded in a single one of the gigantic battles of the past four years.

The handing over of the German Navy on its surrender was described as the greatest pageant in naval history. It may well be that, but could it compare with some that have been seen in the past in point of beauty? Probably not, and it may be hazarded that the most beautiful of all in the annals of the Navy was that witnessed by no less a person than Metetrnich on May 2, 1794, when from the summit of a hill behind Cowes he watched the Channel Fleet put to sea with the East Indies and West Indies convoys—more than 400 ships in all. "I consider this," he wrote, "the most beautiful sight I have ever seen. I might say, indeed, the most beautiful that human eyes have ever beheld."

Here is a passage in Montaigne which has been "seasoned" during the last few weeks into something new and tasty: "The ancient Florentines were so far from seeking to obtain any advantage over their enemies by surprise that they always gave them a month's warning before they drew their army into the field by the continual tolling of a bell. For what concerns ourselves, who are not so scrupulous, and who attribute the honour of the war to him who has the profit of it, and who, after Lysander, say, 'Where the lion's skin is too short we must eke it out with a bit from the fox,'... we hold that there are no moments wherein a chieftain ought to be more circumspect and to have his eye so much at watch as those of parleys and treaties of accommodation."

This story is well known in the camps, but somehow the soldiers have managed to keep it to themselves. On a certain part of the British line—the story runs—information was leaking out, and a special reward was offered for the capture of the spy. The soldiers took up the hunt keenly, and one night whilst a member of a patrol was out in No Man's Land he entered a shell-shattered ruin and discovered a wrinkled old man whose clothing was all rags and tatters. "Got you at last!" said the soldier. "Come out of it, you old blighter; you're the man that's been spying on us for Jerry, are you?" The old man vigorously protested that he was a patriotic Frenchman. "I've been here since 1870," he said, "and I haven't been relieved yet."

Now that air raids are a memory, it looks as though the King's eighteenth-century portraits might soon be returning from their sojourn at the Victoria Art Gallery, Bath, to their home at Buckingham Palace. They include Gainsborough's portrait of George III, a veritable triumph of painting over official art; "Col. St. Leger," friend of the Prince of Wales, a young buck full of elegance; "Queen Charlotte," and their very "Rina," "Duchess of Cumberland." The well-known "Maria, Countess Waldegrave" is one of the most prominent of Reynolds's works, and his "Earl of Moira, Master of the Ordnance," has also been on view. It is an ill-lustre world that shows nobody any good, and the disposal over the country of a number of famous pictures tonight, from time to time, is a most interesting feature of the art world.

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**JAPANESE PEACE
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ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG.

The members of the Japanese delegation, and suite, to the Peace Conference, arrived in the Colony this morning, on the Tamba Maru, en route for Marseilles, and will leave by the same steamer to-morrow.

The Marquis Kimochi Saionji heads the delegation, which includes Prince Fumimaro Kono, Professor Kinnosuke Miura, Mr. Hachiro Saijii, and Mr. Shinichiro Ma noka.

The suite comprises Viscount Seichi Motono, Dr. Seizo Katsunuma and Messrs. Masatohi Sudo, I. Nakamura, Masunosuke Odagiri, Kwango Koyama, Shinichi Ito, B. Suzuki, and M. Inoue. The Vicountess Seichi Motono, and Mrs. Hachiro Saionji, attended by Miss Shizu Honma and Miss Hana Okumura are also with the party.

All the Japanese firms were flying their National flag in honour of the distinguished personages, but there was no formal function of any kind.

COMPANY REPORTS.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fourteenth ordinary annual meeting of the above Company to be held at the Company's Office, on Thursday, January 30, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. is as follows:—

The net profits for the year ended December 31, 1918, after allowing for Consulting Committee and Auditors' fees, and including \$8,846.13 brought forward from last account amount to \$51,700.70. The General Managers recommend the payment of a dividend of 12½ per cent., which will absorb \$24,257.62, write off \$10,000.00 from the value of the Waterboats, \$500.00 from the value of Pipes and Staging, place \$9,000.00 to Special Repairs Account and carry forward a balance of \$7,943.08 to the new Account.

Consulting Committee:—Since the last meeting Messrs. B. Mori, E. G. Shewan and A. H. Skelton have resigned and Messrs. S. Yasuda, W. Adamson and A. E. Cronnell have joined the Committee.

Auditor:—The Accounts under review have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin C.B.E. state:—

SERVICE RIFLES.

Members of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoon will draw their Service Rifles from Armoury on either of the following dates:—

Friday, January 24th, 5.15—5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28th, 5.0—5.45 p.m.

ROUTE MARCH.

All ranks except patrolmen on duty will parade at Central Station on Tuesday, January 28th at 5.25 p.m. Uniform, Caps and Covers, Belts and Rifles. Inspectors will wear Swords and Belts.

SMOULERS AND DRUMMERS.

No practice will take place on Monday, January 27th.

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INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

The following telegram has been received by the local Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine from their Head Office in Paris:—

Board of Directors has decided to increase the capital of the Bank from F. 45,000,000 to F. 75,000,000 by the issue of 60,000 new shares of F. 500 each, half paid up. Issue price will be F. 515 per share. Shareholders will be entitled to subscribe in the proportion of one new share for every three old shares now held by them. Holders of the new shares will be entitled to dividend from the first of January 1919. Subscription will close on the 31st March next.

"THE GLAD EYE."

The Howitt-Phillips Company, wished their Hongkong patrons a *revoir* at the Theatre Royal, last night. Hongkong has had three nights of legitimate dramatic fare and like Oliver Twist, cries for more, but Mr. Howitt told the audience last night that though he regretted he could not make the season longer, the Company intends to return to Hongkong from Shanghai about the middle of March.

"The Glad Eye" is a roaring comedy, and if you happen to go to see this play any time see that you unbutton your coat to give full vent to your laughter. The writer took this precaution last night and he saved his buttons and also his coat from bursting.

"The Glad Eye" is essentially a French comedy, translated and presented to the English. The versatile author, M. Jose J. Levy, wrote it before the aeroplanes came into existence. It was during the craze of the "balloon". The piece is a rollicking farce and is one of the best that has come our way in recent times. We all laughed heartily.

THE GIRL WHO SHINES.

A SECRET OF FEMINE CHARM.

It has often been remarked that at any dance or party, the girls with a knot of young men round them are not those who are best dressed, or even most beautiful, but those with a certain attraction of manner and person for which it is not always easy to account. An observant doctor, with long experience of family practice, said, "The real secret of feminine attraction runs in the veins. A woman with a full supply of healthy red blood needs no beauty: she has a kind of magnetism in her which no one can resist."

It is the magnetism of health which gives this charm to full-blooded womanly girls: the anemic ones are always thin and ailing. They look despondent and are lacking in life and spirit. Yet there is a remedy within easy reach of these languid, breathless girls who miss so much of the joy of life. Nearly all the woes of the sex are due to poor blood or impure blood and Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people have become famous among women just because they enrich the blood, and so impart new energy, a healthy glow of colour in the cheeks, and a fresh interest in life.

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FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME.

Saturday's Senior Division matches, are in connection with the Hongkong League, and chief interest will centre in the meeting of the Club and R.A. In the last match between these two teams the R.A. succeeded in defeating the Club through an opportunist goal by Green, the R.A. centre, after the Club had had much more of the play than their opponents and this is the only match in this League the Club have lost this season. A win for the Club on Saturday will give them a good chance of winning the League, but a division of the points or a loss will spoil their chances. The R.A. is a strong team and although not holding a leading position in the League has already taken three points out of a possible four from the two leaders, the Club and the Navy.

The other match between the R.E. and South China, though not having any important bearing on the League, will be very interesting and well worth watching.

In the 2nd Division the R.A. Company teams are engaged with Kowloon, St. Joseph's and Navy Reserves and on form the latter three teams should win.

The matches and officials appointed to same are as follow:—

H. K. Club v. R. G. A., Club ground, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. Tucker. South China v. Royal Engineers, Navy ground, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. Pragnall.

2nd Division.—83rd Coy. v. R.N. (Reserves) Club Ground, kick-off 2.30, referee Mr. Dewhurst; 83rd Coy. v. St. Joseph's, Military ground, referee Mr. Wells; Kowloon v. Navy Res., Navy ground, referee Mr. Emery.

ST. JOSEPH'S V. HONGKONG COLLEGE.

St. Joseph's College met the Hongkong College (Edis Kadoorie School) in the Second Division of the Hongkong Schools Football League yesterday on the Queen's College Ground at Causeway Bay. There were a few spectators and the game was very one-sided. From the start St. Joseph's forced their way and scored five minutes elapsed. Goals were soon forthcoming for St. Joseph's scored another four before the whistle sounded for half-time. The Hongkong College gave up the match.

The St. Joseph's teams both the first and second bid strong for championship honours this year and if they keep up their present form they will undoubtedly carry off both trophies thus repeating a record they achieved in 1914, when they carried off both trophies. There are no more fixtures for the present until after the Chinese New Year Holidays.

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CHINESE RAILWAYS.

The North China Daily News learns from Peking that news has reached Peking of a fitter in Chinese railway shares on the London market, due to information that the Japanese are securing a preponderance of control.

FUTURE OF MUNITIONS.

Contractors in possession of plant and machinery owned by Ministry of Munitions who wish to utilise these for civil work may do so provided they notify the Superintendent Engineer in their area within one week from the date upon which the plant and machinery was first used for purposes other than those for which it was provided. The utilisation of the plant and machinery will impose no obligation upon the contractor to purchase or the Ministry to sell.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jackson, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 7th February, 1919, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

Shareholders are requested to attend the meeting and to bring with them the share certificate or the share book.

W. S. BROWN, Secretary, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1919.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SS. "SIBERIA MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO VIA HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS, AND MANILA.

The above named steamer with "Korea Maru" cargo having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bill of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 27th January, 1919, at 5 P.M., will be landed at consignees risk and expenses, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 31st January, 1919, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All clamped and damaged cargo will be landed into Company's Godowns, where they will be examined on 3rd February, 1919 at 10 A.M.

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T. DAIGO, Manager, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1919.

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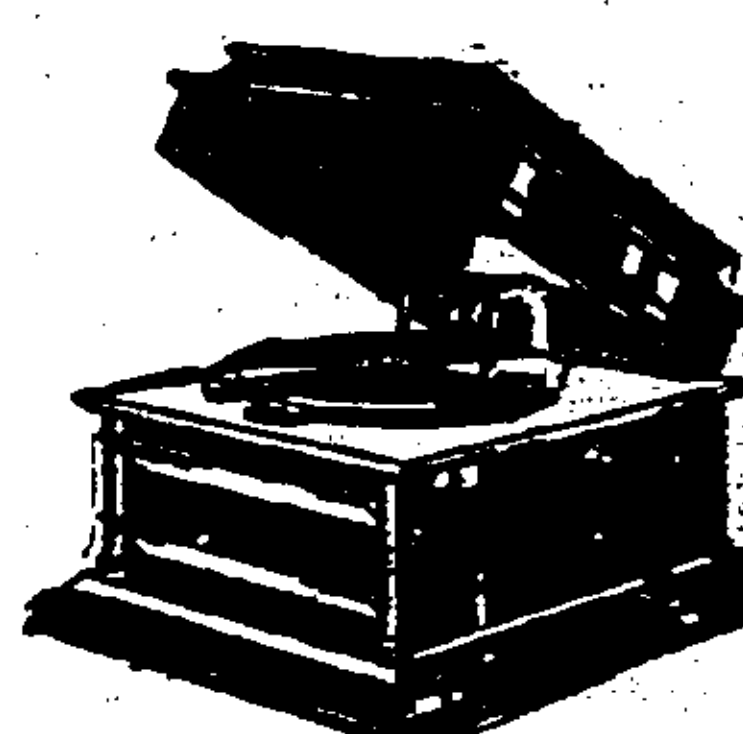
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Agents,
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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 27th January, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
 Agents,
 Hongkong, 20th January, 1919.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of a telegram from the Yokohama Office advising that the s.s. CHINA, sailed from that port on Saturday, January 18th, and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on February 1st, according to schedule.

The P. & O. S. S. Co. state that the s.s. CHUNHANG left Singapore for this Port on the 22nd instant and is due here on the 1st Feb., at noon.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co. is in receipt of telegraphic advice from the Manila Office that the s.s. EDVARD, Voy II-Out left that Port Wednesday the 22nd inst., and is due in Hongkong on Friday the 24th inst.

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System 9	10.10	10.00
System 10	10.10	10.00

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System	1st 1/2 in. Below	2nd 1/2 in. Below
System 1	10.10	10.00
System 2	10.10	10.00
System 3	10.10	10.00
System 4	10.10	10.00
System 5	10.10	10.00
System 6	10.10	10.00
System 7	10.10	10.00
System 8	10.10	10.00
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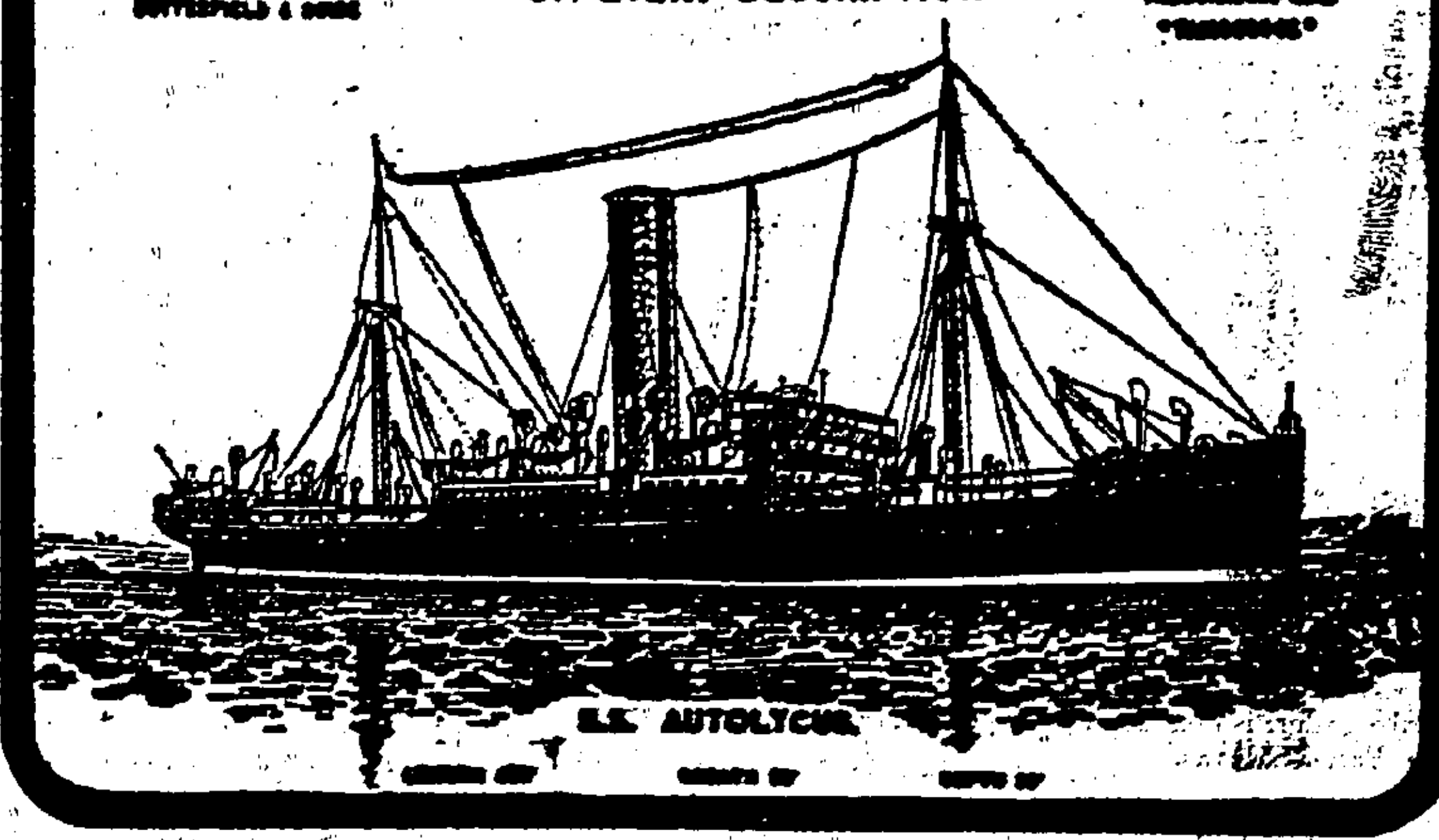
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San Francisco T.K.K. Moor-
ing - 4.4.
Tamba Maru, 3354, Jap. Capt. Sekio.
Kobe N.Y.K. - Mooring - A.1.
Mikage Maru, 333, Jap. Cap. Hayashi.
Naha, Loochoo Id. Furukawa
& Co. - Mooring - J.34.
Shun Chong, 313, Chin. Capt. Kavin.
K. C. Wan. Wo King S.S. Co.
Mooring - Wharf.
Kankam, 413, Chin. Capt. Thirlwall.
Haliphong, Wo Fat S.S. Co.,
Mooring - 0.41.
T. Shang, 1544, Br. Capt. Richard, Shang-
hai, I. M. & Co. - Mooring -
Wharf.
K. Ho M., 1114, Jap. Capt. Kawa, Sawa-
O. S. K. - Mooring - Wharf.

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Old-ster for Yokohama via Shanghai
Siberia for Shanghai
Siberia for Shanghai
Shun Chong for Kowloon
Kankam for Kowloon
T. Shang for Kowloon
K. Ho M. for Kowloon

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS.

Straits - Per HEJAZ, 24th Jan.
Europe via Nippon - Per ORIYONO
MARU, 26th Jan.
Straits - Per CHUNSIANG, 1st Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S.
Africa, India via Dhanushkodi,
Egypt and Europe via Suez -
Per TAMBORA MARU, 24th Jan.,
Registration 2.45 a.m. Leave
10.30 a.m.

Java & Port Moresby via Batavia - Per
TJILATJIL, 24th Jan., 7 p.m.
Philippine Is. - Per LOONGSANG, 24th
Jan., 7 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S.
Africa, India via Dhanushkodi,
Egypt & Europe via Suez -
Per POLYPHEMUS, 24th
Jan., Reg. 1.45 p.m. Leave
2.30 p.m.
The Pearl Mail will be called at
Straits, at 7 p.m.
Straits - Per UNGAR MARU, 24th
Jan., 7 p.m.

NOTICE.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

Line	From	To	Every 15 min
1	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	15 min
2	10.00 a.m.	12.00 noon	15 min
3	12.00 noon	2.00 p.m.	15 min
4	2.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	15 min
5	4.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	15 min
6	6.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.	15 min

NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m.	9.30 p.m.	10.00 p.m.	10.30 p.m.
11.00 p.m.	11.40 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	12.45 p.m.

SATURDAY EXTRA CARS.

1.30 p.m.	and 1.00 midnight.
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SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.	to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 min
10.30 a.m.	to 12.00 noon	15 min
12.00 noon	to 2.00 p.m.	15 min
2.00 p.m.	to 4.00 p.m.	15 min
4.00 p.m.	to 6.00 p.m.	15 min
6.00 p.m.	to 8.00 p.m.	15 min

NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m.	9.30 p.m.	10.00 p.m.	10.30 p.m.
11.00 p.m.	11.40 p.m.	12.15 p.m.	12.45 p.m.

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Hongkong, 15th January, 1919.

"ROOSEVELT LAND."

The New York Aero Club has
announced an expedition headed
by Capt. E. Bartlett to the Polar
regions next June. The expedi-
tion is to be known as the "Roo-
sevelt Land" Expedition, and
any land discovered will be named
Roosevelt Land.

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AND SURVEYOR.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction on

SATURDAY the 25th January
1919,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at the Hongkong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd.
163 bbls. Mild Steel Bars 1'

(round)
49 1/2 lbs. Mild Steel Bars 1'

(round)
15 1/2 lbs. Mild Steel Bars 2'

(round)
63 1/2 lbs. Mild Steel Bars 2'

(square)
116 1/2 lbs. Mild Steel Bars 2'

(square)
10 bbls. Flat Iron Bars 1' x 1'

75 bbls. do. 1' x 1'

50 bbls. Square Iron Bars 1'

On view Now
Terms: Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received
instructions from Mrs. J. S.
DOBIE to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY 29th January,
1919,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at her residence, No. 53 The Peak
(Des Voeux Villas)

The Whole of her Valuable
Household Furniture.

Leather upholstered easy
chairs, Chesterfield armchairs,
Teak hall-seat, tea and card
tables, Teak bookcase, Brass
mounted curi. cabinet, Raw silk
screens, Water colours, Cut-
velvet pictures, Japanese pla-
ques, bronze and brass ware,
Lace and Madras curtains, Elec-
tric table fan, Electric burners
and fittings etc., etc.

Teak sideboard with bevelled
mirror, Extension dining table
and dining chairs, Dinner wagon,
chiffonier, ice chests, French
hand painted coffee cups, Com-
munity plated ware (furnished),
electric kettle, toaster etc.

Double and single Iron and
Teak beds, Wardrobes,
Dressing tables, Marble top
washstands, Console table with
long mirror, chest of drawers,
toilet crockery etc., etc.

Pantry and Kitchen requisites.

Also
A few pieces of Fine Japanese
Oat Furniture by Arthur and
Bend, Yokohama, consisting
of:-

Sideboard, Lady's folding
desk, octagonal table, bookcase
with electric fittings, writing
table, wardrobe with bevelled
mirror and dressing table.

Blackwood-ware (Jcs: table
curio stand, tables, cake stand,
teapots and stool).

And
One Coalport tea set.

On view from Sunday, the
16th inst.

Catalogue will be issued.
Terms:-Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received
instructions to sell by
Public Auction on

TUESDAY the 28th January
1919,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at No. 27 Belilios Terrace.

A Quantity of Valuable
Household Furniture.

(Full particulars from catalogue)
On view from Monday, the
27th inst.

Terms: Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
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NOTICE.

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All persons, with the ex-
ception of those of Chinese
race, desiring to leave the
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p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
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tions who remain in the
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